

QC mulls hotel rent for suspected COVID cases

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Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte on Sunday said the city government plans to rent a hotel that will confine more suspected novel coronavirus disease -2019 (COVID-19) cases in the event the situation further worsens.

She said the move will prepare the city government should there be a case of a shortage of places that will accommodate persons under investigation (PUI).

Belmonte noted that the city government has already conferred with some of the hotels with low occupancy due to the lean season which may be rented for the PUI with no serious symptoms.

Similar to regular hospitals, Belmonte said that city health personnel will be on hand in the rented hospitals to check on the PUI.

She noted that another option the city government is considering is to convert vacant areas in Quezon City into quarantine sections.

Belmonte said there are sections in the city's barangays and unoccupied buildings built by the city which may be converted temporarily to quarantine areas.

Since Friday, Quezon City has been under a state of calamity after recording seven cases of COVID-19 with the number rising to 12 on Saturday.